Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 010543
ORIGIN STR-04

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-13 ISO-00 STRE-00 FEA-01 AGRE-00
CEA-01 CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00 EB-07 FRB-03 H-01
INR-07 INT-05 L-03 LAB-04 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 AID-05
CIEP-01 SS-15 ITC-01 TRSE-00 USIA-06 PRS-01 SP-02
OMB-01 AF-08 ARA-06 EA-07 NEA-10 (ISO) R

DRAFTED BY STR:MBSMITH:ATN
APPROVED BY STR:FBDENT
----------180422Z 074062 /64
R 172105Z JAN 77
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO USMISSION EC BRUSSELS
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY PARIS
USMISSION GENEVA
USDEL MTN GENEVA
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY ROME

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 010543

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD

SUBJECT: TEXTILES: MFA RENEWAL: AMBASSADOR DENT'S CONVER-
SATION WITH OLIVIER LONG AND GARDNER PATTERSON

1. ON JANUARY 13 GATT DIRGEN LONG, ACCOMPANIED BY DEPDIRGEN PATTERSON, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR DENT. AMONG SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WAS MFA RENEWAL.

2. AMBASSADOR DENT REVIEWED RECENT EFFORTS TO GAIN MFA RENEWAL. HE POINTED OUT DANGERS TO ALL COUNTRIES CONCERNED
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 010543

IF RENEWAL ISSUE GETS SIDETRACKED OR DELAYED, INDICATING

ALSO THAT WITH DIFFERENT ECONOMIC SITUATION NOW THAN PREVAILED IN 1973 AT TIME OF ORIGINAL MFA NEGOTIATIONS, DELAY ON RENEWAL COULD INTER ALIA INCREASE DOMESTIC PRESSURES FROM US TEXTILE INDUSTRY AND LABOR UNIONS TO JOIN WITH EUROPEAN AND CANADIAN COUNTERPARTS IN SEEKING RESTRICTIVE

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

CHANGES IN PRESENT MFA. HOWEVER, DENT CONFIRMED USDEL WOULD BE TRAVELING TO GENEVA FOR JANUARY 18 SEVEN PLUS SEVEN MEETING WITH SAME MANDATE IT HAS HAD THROUGHOUT RENEWAL SESSIONS - I.E., USG'S POSITION IS FOR PROMPT MFA RENEWAL WITH NO CHANGES TO DOCUMENT.

3. LONG STATED THAT ALL EXPORTERS HAD BEEN ON BOARD FOR PROMPT RENEWAL DURING DECEMBER TEXTILES COMMITTEE MEETING AND HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR EC BLOCKING OF CONSENSUS, MFA WOULD HAVE BEEN RENEWED FOR TWO TO THREE YEARS IN PRESENT FORM. LONG SAID IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT THE MFA RENEWAL ISSUE MUST BE SETTLED BY THE END OF MARCH OR ELSE ISSUE WILL SPILL OVER INTO THE MTN, MAKING PROGRESS IN THAT ARENA THAT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT.

4. ON AT LEAST THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS DURING MEETING LONG STRONGLY URGED USG TO "GO TO CAPITALS" IF THE EC ROAD-BLOCK IS TO BE REMOVED. WHEN AMBASSADOR ALLUDED TO DIFFI-CULTIES THIS PRESENTS VIS A VIS OUR RELATIONS WITH COM-MISSION, LONG SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THIS BUT REPEATED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO WORK BOTH AVENUES, QUOTE CERTAINLY THE COMMISSION QUOTE BUT ALSO THE CAPITALS. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED ONLY TWO - LONDON AND PARIS - AND SAID SUCH APPROACHES SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL BUT RATHER AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL. PATTERSON ADDED THAT IT WAS A SAD BUT NONETHELESS TRUE FACT THAT ON THE TEXTILE ISSUE THE COMMISSION TAKES ITS ORDERS FROM THE EC CAPITALS. THE CAPITALS CONCERNED WERE LONDON AND PARIS, AND THE USG HAD QUOTE LEVERAGE QUOTE IN BOTH PLACES WHICH SHOULD BE USED.
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

5. LONG WAS NOT OVERLY SANGUINE ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE JANUARY 18 SEVEN PLUS SEVEN MEETING, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF PHELAN TELCON WITH SMITH JANUARY 13 THAT COMMISSION WILL NOT BEGIN MANDATE OBTAINING PROCESS WITH MEMBER STATES UNTIL JANUARY 20, TWO DAYS AFTER MEETING SCHEDULED TO BEGIN. HOWEVER, HE AGREED THAT JANUARY 18 MEETING MUST PROCEED TO GET THINGS GOING.

6. COMMENT: - RE PARA 4 WE HAVE NOT MADE ANY DECISION ABOUT APPROACHING CAPITALS PER LONG'S SUGGESTION. SUCH APPROACHES MAY BE NECESSARY AT SOME TIME, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT DECISION SHOULD AWAIT OUTCOME OF JANUARY 18 SEVEN PLUS SEVEN MEETING IN GENEVA. COMMENTS FROM ADDRESSEE POSTS WOULD BE WELCOME.
KISSINGER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TEXTILE INDUSTRY, NEGOTIATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 17-Jan-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE010543
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: MBSMITH:ATN
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770017-1092
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770144/aaaabmuu.tel
Line Count: 113
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: a8c3f2d8-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN STR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3579129
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TEXTILES: MFA RENEWAL: AMBASSADOR DENT\'S CONVER- SATION WITH OLIVIER LONG AND GARDNER PATTERSON
TAGS: ETRD, (LONG, OLIVIER), (PATTERSON, GARDNER)
To: EC BRUSSELS LONDON MULTIPLE
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/a8c3f2d8-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009